

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by
LETTERS PATENT of the United States is as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A ~~screwdriver/fastener~~ system for
fastening purposes comprising, in combination:

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a shaft fabricated of a rigid metallic material in a
cylindrical configuration with an axis and having a handle end
and a working end, the shaft having a working inner portion
~~adjacent to the handle end~~ and a working outer portion ~~adjacent~~
~~to the working end~~ and with a flat cut face on the outermost
extent of the working end perpendicular to the axis of the shaft,
the working outer portion having a generally cube-shaped
configuration with a square cross section and an axial length of
a first smaller size adjacent to the face, the working inner
portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration with a
square cross section and an axial length of a second larger size
adjacent to the working outer portion, with a bevel adjacent to
the working inner portion remote from the face;

a screwdriver handle having a shaft end and a gripping
surface end, the shaft end having a generally cylindrical recess
to securely receive and retain in one position the handle end of
the shaft and with the gripping surface end having a plurality of

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axial indentations to facilitate the user's grip of the system; and
a threaded fastener having a threaded portion and a head portion, the threaded portion having threads for coupling to a recipient surface upon rotation and with the head portion having a cylindrical configuration with a central stepped recess, the stepped recess having a cube-shaped interior reception area and ~~an exterior~~ a cube-shaped exterior reception area with the interior reception area being smaller than the exterior reception area, the interior reception area adapted to snugly receive the working outer portion of the shaft and with the exterior reception area ~~being larger~~ adapted to snugly receive the working inner portion of the shaft and alternatively, wherein the threaded fastener is of a smaller size, the working outer portion is snugly receivable by the exterior reception area of the threaded fastener ~~working outer portion and, alternatively, wherein the working portions are of a larger size, the working outer portion is snugly receivable by the working outer portion.~~

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2. (Cancel) A screwdriver/fastener system comprising:

a shaft having a handle end and a working end, the shaft having a working inner portion adjacent to the handle end and a working outer portion adjacent to the working end, the working outer portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration of a first smaller size with a flat outermost tip being perpendicular

42 to the shaft, the working inner portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration of a second larger size;

a shaft support with a recess at one end to receive the handle end of the shaft; and

61 a threaded fastener having a threaded portion and a head portion, the head portion having a cylindrical configuration with a central stepped recess, the stepped recess having a cube-shaped interior reception area with a flat innermost portion and an exterior cube-shaped reception area with the interior reception area being smaller to snugly receive the working outer portion of the shaft and the flat innermost portion allowing a positive alignment of the fastener and the working tip and with the exterior reception area being larger to snugly receive the working inner portion of the shaft.

3. (Previously Canceled)

4. (Previously Canceled)

5. (Previously Canceled)

6. (Previously Canceled)

7. (New) A screwdriver for fastening purposes comprising, in combination:

a shaft fabricated of a rigid metallic material in a cylindrical configuration with an axis and having a handle end and a working end, the shaft having a working inner portion and a

417 working outer portion and with a flat cut face on the outermost extent of the working end perpendicular to the axis of the shaft, the working outer portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration with a square cross section and an axial length of a first smaller size adjacent to the face, the working inner portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration with a square cross section and an axial length of a second larger size adjacent to the working outer portion, with a bevel adjacent to the working inner portion remote from the face; and

E1 a screwdriver handle having a shaft end and a gripping surface end, the shaft end having a generally cylindrical recess to securely receive and retain in one position the handle end of the shaft and with the gripping surface end having a plurality of axial indentations to facilitate the user's grip of (the system;

the screwdriver being operable in association with a threaded fastener of the type having a threaded portion and a head portion, the threaded portion having threads for coupling to a recipient surface upon rotation and with the head portion having a cylindrical configuration with a central stepped recess, the stepped recess having a cube-shaped interior reception area and a cube-shaped exterior reception area with the interior reception area being smaller than the exterior reception area, the interior reception area adapted to snugly receive the working

47 outer portion of the shaft and with the exterior reception area adapted to snugly receive the working inner portion of the shaft and alternatively, wherein the threaded fastener is of a smaller size, the working outer portion is snugly receivable by the exterior reception area of the threaded fastener.

8. (New) A threaded fastener for fastening purposes and operable in association with a screwdriver of the type comprising, in combination:

91 a shaft fabricated of a rigid metallic material in a cylindrical configuration with an axis and having a handle end and a working end, the shaft having a working inner portion and a working outer portion and with a flat cut face on the outermost extent of the working end perpendicular to the axis of the shaft, the working outer portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration with a square cross section and an axial length of a first smaller size adjacent to the face, the working inner portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration with a square cross section and an axial length of a second larger size adjacent to the working outer portion, with a bevel adjacent to the working inner portion remote from the face; and

a screwdriver handle having a shaft end and a gripping surface end, the shaft end having a generally cylindrical recess to securely receive and retain in one position the handle end of

the shaft and with the gripping surface end having a plurality of axial indentations to facilitate the user's grip of the system; the threaded fastener having a threaded portion and a head portion, the threaded portion having threads for coupling to a recipient surface upon rotation and with the head portion having a cylindrical configuration with a central stepped recess, the stepped recess having a cube-shaped interior reception area and a cube-shaped exterior reception area with the interior reception area being smaller than the exterior reception area, the interior reception area adapted to snugly receive the working outer portion of the shaft and with the exterior reception area adapted to snugly receive the working inner portion of the shaft and alternatively, wherein the threaded fastener is of a smaller size, the working outer portion is snugly receivable by the exterior reception area of the threaded fastener.